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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Request for 180-day PUC Extension for Negotiations
*Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In Geneva, Coffee,
and Covington Counties, AL, STB Docket Number AB-1073X*

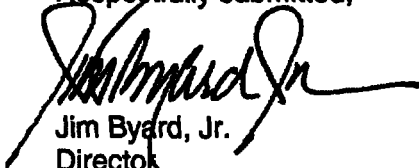
Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "proponent". The proponent remains engaged in discussions with CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the line by the proponent.

On August 9, 2011, the STB granted the proponent's request to impose a public use condition to allow for negotiating the acquisition of the line for trail use expiring March 6, 2012. The proponent hereby requests an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with CSXT, the lessor of the line to Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. ("A&F"). CSXT is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations, and it is our understanding that an agreement has been reached between CSXT and A&F which gives CSXT legal standing to negotiate an acquisition. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon CSX Transportation, Inc., and upon Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc., by U S Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 2nd day of March, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Byard, Jr.
Director
on behalf of the Alabama Trails Commission

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